

## COMMUNITY

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### Discovery Resource Center

The Columbus A&FRC has computers with internet access available for job searches, assessments, resumes, cover letters, state and federal applications and companies' employment information. A printer and fax machine is available. A lending library of books, DVDs and periodicals on transition and EFMP topics are available for check out. These resources are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

### Pre- and Post-Deployment Tour Briefing

These briefings are mandatory for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Please contact A&FRC at (662) 434-2794/2790 to schedule a briefing and/or for more information.

### Pre-Separation Counseling

This counseling is a mandatory briefing for personnel separating or retiring, and is to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. It may be completed up to 12 months

prior to separation or 24 months prior to retirement. Please contact A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to schedule a counseling session and/or for more information.

### Employment Workshop

An employment workshop on local and base employment opportunities is held every Wednesday, 1-2 p.m. This program provides military families and DoD civilian members individual assessment and career counseling to assist with local employment, preparation for future endeavors via education, job search, or self-owned business objectives in the local area. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Survivor Benefit Plan

Are you nearing military retirement? The one decision you will need to make before you retire involves participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). As with all good decision-making, you need to know the facts before you can make a sound decision. Always get the true facts about SBP before making up your mind. Additional details are available by calling your SBP Counselor Mary Chambers at (662) 434-2720/2790.

### Personal Financial Readiness

Need help with financial matters? Want to make the most of your money? The Personal Financial Counselor (PFC) can help you and your family: manage finances, resolve financial problems and reach long-term goals such as education, buying a home and planning for retirement. PFC services are at no cost, private and confidential. Please contact the PFC at (662) 998-0411.

### Key Spouse Program (KSP)

The mission of KSP is to provide information and resources to military spouses, supporting families in successfully navigating through the military life cycle. The KSP is a CC's program. The CC establishes and maintains the program within the unit, to include choosing team members. Once selected as a KS in writing, you will need to attend initial/refresher KS training and continuing education. For more information, please call (662) 434-2839.

### Military and Family Life Counselor Program

Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) provide non-medical counseling

to help Airmen (single and married), spouses and other family members cope with stressful situations created by deployments, reintegration and life challenges such as martial issues, parenting, career stress and anger. All counselors are licensed mental health providers, and they can meet either on or off base. There is no charge for services, and appointments can usually be made within one to two days. To contact the MFLC, please call (662) 435-1110.

### Sponsorship Training

An electronic version of sponsorship training called eSponsorship Application & Training (eSAT) is the required training course to become a sponsor. It can be found in Military One Source's MilLife Learning training Course Catalog at this link <https://militarylearning.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=SIS:2:0::More online resources are available on Columbus AFB Living at https://www.columbusafbiving.com/airmen-family-readiness-center/relocaton-assistance/electronic-sponsor-resources/>. For additional information, please contact the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

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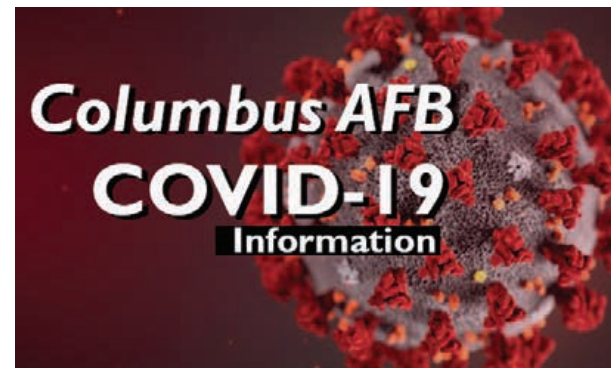
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## COVID-19 General Info

The base is continually focusing to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus and will persistently prioritize the safety of the Airmen, families and communities of Columbus.

Off-limit areas include any business or establishment that does not comply with Federal, State, and local COVID requirements. See Pg. 2 for more COVID-19 info.

### Social Gathering Limitations

- Kaye – 92 person limit
- Event Center/Club – 145 person limit
- Phillips Auditorium – 22 person limit
- Walker Center – 112 person limit



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Vaughn Weber

An A-10C Thunderbolt II from the 357th Fighter Squadron takes off from an AM-2 airfield mat at Twentynine Palms, Calif., Dec. 15, 2021. Multi-capable Airmen from the 355th Wing got a unique opportunity to work alongside the U.S. Marine Corps to secure the landing zone for the A-10s and install the AM-2 airfield mat for the A-10s to land and take off from in an austere location.

## Multi-capable Airmen train with US Marine Corps

**Airman 1st Class Vaughn Weber**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — Multi-capable Airmen training has expanded to Twentynine Palms, California, with a new opportunity to train alongside

the U.S. Marine Corps in an operationally limited environment.

The joint training with the Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 was developed by the 357th Fighter Squadron and 79th

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# White House praises DOD acquisition professionals for COVID-19 efforts around the world

Terri Moon Cronk  
DOD News

A group of professionals with the Defense Department's acquisition workforce who worked on the White House and DOD COVID-19 supply chain global effort were honored today with a letter of appreciation from President Joe Biden in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Conducted virtually, Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen H. Hicks said the workforce and the nation have remained resilient and creative in how both entities approached the pandemic.

"You all are a group of Americans who so clearly exemplify what it is that makes us so resilient and creative and able to overcome obstacles," she told the award recipients, noting that Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III's top priority in defending the nation is to help quell the coronavirus pandemic.

These individuals defied all expectations of what's possible to get done with efforts — on very short term timelines — that normally take months and years, she said, noting, "You have done it in days and weeks."

The ceremony cited how the group, in fewer than 30 days, procured 500 million vaccines for the U.S. global vaccine donation mission for distribution to people in 92 low- and middle-income countries and the African Union in August. Additionally, more than 200 million vaccines were delivered to 112 countries by the end of 2021, and DOD is on track to deliver 50 million more doses by the end of this month.

"You have personally helped advance the health and welfare of people throughout the world, and that's just astounding work," the deputy secretary told them.

"I hope you really take to heart — in every day that you work these long hours and these unbelievable timelines — that you are part of saving lives," she added. "This [effort] is taking enormous person-



Photo By: Air Force Staff Sgt. Brittany A. Chase, DOD

**Deputy Secretary of Defense Dr. Kathleen H. Hicks presents presidential letters of recognition for the global vaccine support efforts to the acquisition and sustainment staff during a virtual gathering at the Pentagon, Jan. 21, 2022.**

al sacrifice. I'm well aware of the kinds of hours that you have spent at work away from family and friends, and the personal and professional sacrifices to other priorities that you've had to make as you log in all these hours. It is appreciated, and it's directly contributing to the president's and the secretary's priorities and to global welfare."

## Biden's letter reads:

"I am grateful for your contributions in our global fight against COVID-19. Putting an end to this pandemic at home and abroad remains my top priority, and vaccines are essential to getting this done.

"Because of your determination and hard work — performed at an unprecedented pace — we were able to negotiate critical vaccine purchases for donation, including to the poorest countries in the world, proving to our allies and partners

that America is leading once again by the power of our example.

"Your efforts are not just saving lives — they are helping us get our lives back. Working together, we can usher in a healthier and more hopeful future, not just for our country, but for the world. Thank you for all that you do. It truly matters."

The honorees, who each received the letter from Biden, are:

Defense Assisted Acquisition Team: Brent Ingraham, Marine Corps Col. Kevin Coughlin and Chantale Neira;

Army Contracting Command: Tom Dougherty and Hillary Roy;

Army Medical Research Command: Justin Coon and Denise Scott;

Army Acquisition Support Center: Joanne Abbott; and

Defense Acquisition University: Shannon Seay and Richard Brown.

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**Family Cosmic Unlimited Bowling**  
Family Cosmic Unlimited Bowling will be on Fridays from 5-7 p.m. Pay \$20 per lane (up to 5 people per lane) and get 2 hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rentals included. This will be a family friendly atmosphere with cosmic lights and music videos. Call (662) 434-3426 for more information.

**Selfie Photo Booth at the Bowling Center**  
The Bowling Center has a new selfie photo booth set up! Take photos with your crew during Bowling hours, post them on Facebook, and tag @ColumbusAFBBowlingCenter to be entered into a monthly raffle. There will be a winner each month, and each winner will get a special prize! Call (662) 434-3426 for more information.

**Information, Tickets & Travel (ITT)**  
Local ITT Customer Service will be temporarily handle by Keesler AFB. Please call Holly or Trish at (228) 377-3818 Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Local Shuttle Service will be handled by ODR on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This includes shuttle service to the airport of your choice. Stop by ODR or call (662) 434-2505 for more information.

**Assignment Night Transportation**  
Book Assignment Night transportation with ITT! Reserve the bus, the van or both! The cost is only \$30 per

**FSS Gift Cards**  
Make your shopping easier! Purchase or redeem your FSS Gift Card at the following locations: Arts and Crafts, Bowling Center, Child Development Center, Columbus Club, Information Tickets and Travel, Outdoor Recreation or the Youth Center. For more information, stop by any of these locations.

**Horse Boarding Available**  
The CAFB Riding Stables usually has stall space available. For pricing and more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at (662) 434-2505.

**Free Mango Languages**  
Learn a new language today! Free Mango Languages available at the Base Library; real-life conversations in over 70 languages. For more information, contact (662) 434-2934.

**Lawn Mower and Bicycle Repair**  
Outdoor Recreation is now offer-

**hour for Columbus and local areas; a \$30 deposit is required and applied to the total cost of reservation. Reservation must be a minimum of four hours and reserved in person. For more information, contact (662) 434-7861.**

**Exclusive Military Vacation Packages**  
Did you know that you can book exclusive military vacation packages at ITT and save up to 60%? American Forces Travel is now serving APF and NAF civilians. Packages include Universal Studios and Disney destinations. To book your vacation at [www.americaforcestravel.com](http://www.americaforcestravel.com)

**Hobby and Craft Instructors Needed**  
Do you have a hobby or craft project you can share with others? Arts & Crafts is looking for craft instructors. For more information, contact (662) 434-7836.

**Referees Needed**  
Referees needed for various sports at the Fitness Center. For more information or to sign up, contact (662) 434-2772.

**RV Storage Lot**  
Don't clutter your home space, park with us. Outdoor Recreation offers a great place to store your RV year around. You will have 24-hour access and can pay monthly or yearly. For more information, call (662) 434-2505.

**Instructors Needed**  
The Youth Center is seeking instructors for tumbling classes, dance classes, piano and guitar lessons. For more information, contact the Youth Center.

**Space A Lodging**  
The Magnolia Inn usually has openings for Space A family and single units. Contact the lodging desk at (662) 434-2548. Guest Services staff is on duty from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. For reservations 24/7, visit <https://af.dodlodging.net/property/Columbus-AFB>.

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**Get Connected with Your Base App!**  
As a way to connect people together, Columbus Air Force Base launched a new app to connect Airmen and families to the mission and community! The app is available on all app stores and can be found by searching ‘Columbus Air Force Base’.

**The Print Shop**  
The Print Shop is located in The Commons, building 715, room 128. It is in the back of the Commons and can be accessed either from the main entrance or from the parking lot directly behind the base Chapel. Services include large format printing, mounting, laminating, color and black/white copying, binding, and much more. For a quote call (662) 434-2337 or email 14FSS-Columbus@gmail.com.

**Youth Program's After School Care**  
The Youth Center offers After School Care for ages 5-12. The center provides games, sports, arts & crafts, educational enrichment, social skills, leadership building and much more. Request care at MilitaryChildCare.com or call (662) 434-2504 for more information.

**Youth Spring Soccer**  
Registration for Youth Spring Soccer begins on Monday, Feb. 7 at the Youth Center. Registration is \$35 for ages 3-4, and \$40 for ages 5-18. Get \$5 off the registration fee by signing up by Feb. 11. Volunteer coaches are also needed. The deadline to sign up your child is Feb. 18. All games will be played on base, and a sports physical is required to participate. Call (662) 434-2504 for more information.

**Super Hero Training: Homeschool Fitness Program**  
Homeschooled children ages 7-12 are invited to come and train to be a super hero with Columbus AFB's very own Health Promotions Coordinator, Marios Potamitis on Feb. 22 from 2-3 p.m. in the Youth Center Gym! This will be a recurring home-school fitness program where children will learn about functional fitness. Call (662) 434-2792 for more information.

**Parenting Class**  
Child and Youth Programs will host a Parenting Class on Aggressive Toddlers on Monday, Feb. 28 from 12-1 p.m. Parents may join in person at the A&FRC, or virtually via Zoom. Call (662) 434-2319 for more information.  
Zoom link: tinyurl.com/53xrwkrj  
(full link: <https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/95533442129?pwd=Z1o5bzZsUU0vbUJoZWJFM0RXd29GUT09>)  
Password: 125517

**Library**  
The Library, located in The Blaze Commons, is open for in-house customers Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. For everyone's safety, masks are required for patrons ages 3 and up and parents must remain with their children at all times.  
The Library is hosting Storytime at your library every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Meet in the Blaze Commons open area for a story read by your favorite Librarians!

**February Activities**  
Your Library will have several activities for patrons to partic-

Parenting Class



Aggressive Toddlers

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ipate in during the month of February! On Feb. 10, children and adults alike may come in for a ‘Blind Date with a Book’ and a Valentine’s card craft. Celebrate President’s Day with the Library on Feb. 17 with an Abraham Lincoln craft and themed coloring pages. Feb. 24 is National Board Game Day, and the Library has lots of fun board games that you can check out to play in the Commons, at home with family and friends, or with your squadron for a Resiliency Day.  
See all of the Library’s activities visit their Facebook page: @ColumbusAirForceBaseLibrary.

**Fitness Center**  
The Columbus AFB Fitness Center and the Alpha Warrior tent is open Monday – Friday 5 a.m.-9 p.m. and on Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. It is open on Sunday for 24/7 Access members only (CAC must be registered at the front desk prior to use).  
The Fitness Center is now serving all DoD cardholders and eligible contractors during normal hours of operation.  
24/7 access is available to not only Active Duty patrons, but also any DoD cardholder such as dependents, retirees, and civilian employees. CAC must be registered at the front desk.  
Also, the locker rooms and showers are once again available. Please note there will 100% ID card check, limited rental equipment available, and other risk mitigation plans still apply. For more information, call the Fitness Center at (662) 434-2772.  
Also, the basketball and racquetball courts are now available! Check-in at the front desk required.

**Run Across the ‘Sipp**  
The Fitness Center will host the Run Across the ‘Sipp program beginning Jan. 15. Participants will run locally 510 miles, equal to the length of the Mississippi River from Memphis to the Gulf of Mexico, at their own pace over time. Participants are asked to sign up by visiting [signupgenius.com/go/runthesipp](https://signupgenius.com/go/runthesipp) and they will

log their mileage at the Fitness Center each time they run. Awards will be given to the first 5 participants to complete the entire run. Call (662) 434-2772 for more information.

**Sweetheart 5K**  
Join the Fitness Center for the Sweetheart 5K on Feb. 12 at 9 a.m.! Call (662) 434-2772 for more information.

**Dodgeball Tournament**  
Put a team of 5 together within your squadron or unit and sign up for the Dodgeball Tournament at the Fitness Center on Feb. 26 at 9 a.m.! The deadline to sign up is Feb. 21. Call (662) 434-2772 for more information

**Arts & Craft Has Re-Opened!**  
Arts & Crafts has reopened and ready to serve your framing, engraving, and wood working needs, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 434-7856 for assistance.

**Auto Hobby Shop Has Re-Opened!**  
The Auto Hobby Shop located by Arts & Crafts will now be open on Fridays, 4-8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lifts are \$10 per hour of use, and bays are \$5 per hour of use. Cash only. Call 434-7856 for more information

**Outdoor Recreation**  
Outdoor Recreation will be closed Feb. 7-23. Normal hours will resume on Feb. 24.  
Outdoor Recreation’s normal (ODR) hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday). ODR offers all sorts of rental for the water, camping, and much more! Call ODR at (662) 434-2505 for all of your outdoor activities.

**Coffee House on 5th**  
Coffee House on 5th, located in the Blaze Commons, is back open to 50% capacity inside. Drive through or come in to enjoy a cup of coffee or a tasty treat. Their hours are Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.- noon. Call for more information at (662) 434-2233.

**Bowling Center**  
Until further notice, the Bowling Center will be closed during breakfast and lunch due to staffing constraints. Bowling lanes will be open, Wednesday-Friday from 3-7 p.m.  
Walk-ins are welcome. To make a reservation, call (662) 434-3426, or reserve on the Bowling Center’s Facebook page, @ColumbusAFBBowlingCenter.

**Boss & Buddy & Bowling**  
On Wednesdays during Boss & Buddy, the Bowling Center will have a Pizza and Bowling Special. Pay \$25 for a lane (up to 5 people per lane) and get 1 hour of unlimited bowling games, shoe rentals, and 1 large pizza of your choice (cheese, pepperoni, or sausage from Lost Pizza Co.). Patrons must reserve on the Bowling Center’s Facebook page NLT 12 p.m. on the previous Tuesday with their choice of pizza. Also on Wednesdays, there will be a Walk-In Special. Pay \$10 for a lane (up to 5 people per lane) and get 1 hour of unlimited bowling games, shoe rentals not included. Beer and signature mixed drinks will be available for purchase. Call (662) 434-3426 for more information.

**Pins & Pints**  
Pins & Pints will be on Thursdays from 3-7:00 p.m. Pay \$1 per game, shoe rentals not included. Draft and bottled beer will be available for purchase. Call (662) 434-3426 for more information.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Vaughn Weber

**Loadmasters assigned to the 79th Rescue Squadron HC-130J Combat King II refuel an A-10C Thunderbolt II from the 357th Fighter Squadron at Twentynine Palms, Calif., Dec. 15, 2021. Multi-capable Airmen from the 355th Wing flew out with the 79th RQS to participate in a one-day joint training with the U.S. Marine Corps to practice forward area refueling point operations and airfield security.**

## AIRMEN

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Rescue Squadron to provide hands-on training at the largest U.S. Marine Corps base.

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So far, this training has been conducted in October and December 2021, with trained MCA flying out on 79th RQSHC-130J Combat King II aircraft. At Twentynine Palms, MCA get the unique opportunity to work alongside Marines to secure the landing zone for 357th FS A-10C Thunderbolt

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Vaughn Weber

**79th Rescue Squadron HC-130J Combat King II loadmasters refuel an A-10C Thunderbolt II from the 357th Fighter Squadron at Twentynine Palms, California, Dec. 15, 2021. Multi-capable Airmen from the 355th Wing flew out with the 79th RQS to participate in a one-day joint training with the U.S. Marine Corps to practice forward area refueling point operations and airfield security.**

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IIs and install the AM-2 airfield mat for the A-10s to land on.

“We were able to learn similarities between (the branches) operational concepts,” said U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Wilson, Marine Wing Support Squadron 374 airfield services officer. “Which will inform our current and future planners about the capabilities, skills and technical abilities of similar military occupation specialty types outside of the Marine Corps.”

Working alongside the U.S. Marine Corps’ airfield services officers and bulk fuel specialists, the 355th Wing’s MCA refine their skill set of conducting FARP operations and ensuring A-10s take off and land safely in austere locations.

“Overall I would say that we enjoy working with the U.S. Air Force during all types of training operations,” Wilson said. “I know for a fact that the Marines always enjoy seeing an A-10 in the pattern.”



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If you would like to remain anonymous, please submit your inquiries through our base application in the 'Our Wing' then 'Contact the CC' tab or you can submit through the webpage at [www.columbus.af.mil](http://www.columbus.af.mil). Click "Contact Us" at the top left of the page and select "Commander's Action Line" in the Recipient drop down menu.

## Buckle up! It's the law.

### Air Force Readiness Programs

*(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790.)*

"Please note events are subject to change due to COVID-19, so please contact A&FRC to confirm all events"

### Department of Labor Transition Vocational Track Workshop

The next DoL Transition Vocational Track Workshop is from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 7-8 and will be held in the A&FRC. This workshop helps members identify skills, increase awareness of training and credentialing programs, and develop an action plan to achieve career goals. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Wing Newcomers Orientation

The next Wing Newcomers Orientation will be held on Feb. 15 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Columbus Club. This event is mandatory for all newly arrived military and DoD civilian personnel. The event's foundation is the base's mobile App, so if you are registered, please locate and download the Columbus Air Force Base App from the App Store prior to attending. Pre-registration is required, so please contact your unit CSS to be registered. For more information, please call the A&FRC Relocation Manager at (662) 434-2701/2790.

### Smooth Move Relocation Workshop

The next Smooth Move is from 10-11 a.m. Feb. 17 in the A&FRC. This workshop is highly recommended for first-time and over-seas relocating members. Get the very latest moving information straight from base-wide relocation assistance agencies. Learn what to expect before you move with information from Tri-Care, Housing, Military Pay, TMO, Medical Records and A&FRC. Be sure to ask any relocating questions you may have during this event. Pre-registration is required, so call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790 to register or for more information.

### Federal USA Jobs Workshop

The next Federal USA Jobs workshop is from 9-10:30 a.m. Mar. 2. This is a workshop on writing resumes, applications, and job search using the USAJobs website. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

## Enlisted Promotions

Col. Seth Graham, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Antonio Cooper, 14th FTW command chief, pose for a photo with other 14th FTW airmen on January 31, 2022, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The airmen were recognized at an enlisted promotions ceremony for achieving their new ranks.

### Transition Assistance Program Workshop

The next Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Mar. 7-11 and includes seminars on: Transition, Military Occupational Code Crosswalk, Financial Planning, Health Benefits, Mississippi Department of Employment Security, Department of Veterans Affairs, Disabled TAP and Department of Labor. Preseparation counseling is required before attending, and recommended attendance is 12-24 months prior to separation/retirement. Spouses are encouraged to attend with their sponsor. To register or for more information, please call the TAP Manager at (662) 434-2631/2790.

### Bundles for Babies

The next "Zoom" Bundles for Babies workshop is from 1-3:30 p.m. Mar. 29. This program is designed for active duty AF members and/or their spouses who are pregnant or have a child 4 months old or less. Attendees will learn about finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. A \$50 gift card sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society will be provided for each qualifying child. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Heart Link

The next "Zoom" Heart Link / Spouse Welcome is from 8:30 a.m.-noon Apr. 28. This half-day program is open to all spouses of active duty military members assigned to Columbus AFB. Attendees will receive information about life in the Air Force, in the local area and at Columbus AFB from local subject matter experts including spouse leaders. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Entrepreneurship Track Transition Workshop

The next Entrepreneurship Track Transition workshop will be held June 9-10 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This workshop is conducted by the Small Business Administration for veterans and all base personnel interested starting up and operating their own business. To register or for more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### EFMP-FS

Exceptional Family Members Program-Family Support, EFMP-FS, establishes, implements and maintains the FS (community support) entity of the Air Force EFMP in coordination with the Medical & Assignments components by enhancing the quality of life of special needs family members. Feel free to contact (662) 434-3323/2790 for any questions related to EFMP or for one-on-one assistance. We can assess your needs and make the proper community referral for you and your family!

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the A&FRC. We have volunteer opportunities located across the base for one-time events, special events or on a continual basis. Volunteers are needed on base at the Youth Center, Child Development Center, Library, Medical Clinic, Chapel, Airman's Attic, Thrift Store, the Retiree Activities Office and many other locations. For more information, please call A&FRC at (662) 434-2790.

### Installation Voting Assistance Office

A&FRC houses the Voting Assistance Office (VAO) which is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and closed weekends/holidays. The VAO offers voting assistance including voter registration, absentee ballot requests and voting, change of address, and provides answers for other general voting questions to uniformed service members, their family members and civilians with access to A&FRC. Assistance includes but is not limited to aid in preparing and submitting Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) SF-76, Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) SF-186 and National Mail Voter Registration Form (NVRF). The VAO also leads and trains all installation unit voting assistance officers. For more information, please contact the Installation VAO at (662) 434-2701/2790 or e-mail: [vote.columbus@us.af.mil](mailto:vote.columbus@us.af.mil).

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### Chapel Schedule

**Chapel services are now available.**

**Catholic:** 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays

**Daily Mass:** 11 a.m. Tuesday- Friday

**Protestant:** 9:30 a.m. on Sundays

As we gather for services there is a 50 person limit inside the chapel. Thank you all for your help during this time and we are looking forward to seeing you all soon!



# BLAZE Hangar Tails: MC-130H Combat Talon II

**Mission**  
The MC-130H Combat Talon II provides infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces and equipment in hostile or denied territory. Secondary missions include psychological operations, and helicopter and vertical lift air refueling.

**Features**  
The aircraft features terrain-following and terrain-avoidance radars capable of operations as low as 250 feet in adverse weather conditions. Structural changes to a basic C-130 include the addition of an in-flight refueling receptacle and strengthening of the tail to allow high speed/low-signature airdrop. Their navigation suites include dual ring-laser gyros, mission computers and integrated global positioning system. They can locate and either land or airdrop on small, unmarked zones with pinpoint accuracy day or night. An extensive electronic warfare suite enables the aircrew to detect and avoid potential threats. If engaged, the system will protect the aircraft from both radar and infrared-guided threats. The MC-130H is equipped with aerial refueling pods to provide in-flight refueling of special operations forces and combat search and rescue helicopters and vertical lift assets. The MC-130H, designed in the 1980s, features an integrated glass flight deck which improves crew coordination and reduces the crew complement by two.

**Background**  
The first variant of the MC-130, the MC-130E Combat Talon, first flew in 1966 and saw extensive service in South-east Asia, including the attempted rescue of Americans held at the Son Tay prisoner-of-war camp in Vietnam in 1970. Also, the MC-130E landed in the Iranian desert in April 1980 in support of Operation Eagle Claw, the attempt to rescue American hostages held by Iran. Combat Talon IIs first arrived at Hurlburt Field, Florida, June 29, 1992, and after acceptance testing, began official flying operations Oct. 17, 1992. Since then, the MC-130H has played a vital role in AFSOC operations. Some of the aircraft's highlights include the evacuations of non-combatant Americans and other civilians from conflicts in Liberia in 1996. Also, in 1998, a Combat Talon II aircrew was awarded the Mackay Trophy for their involvement in the evacuation of civilians from the Republic of the Congo in 1997, and they participated in combat operations in the Balkans during Operation Allied Force. In 2001, MC-130Hs were employed to seize an airfield in southern Afghanistan, delivering U.S. Army Rangers to commence ground operations in Operation Enduring Freedom. Later in 2003, the MC-130H was the first U.S. aircraft to land at Baghdad International Airport to initiate missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Since October 2001, this aircraft has been used extensively in combat and humanitarian operations worldwide including operations Enduring Freedom and Inherent Resolve, Resolute Support, Tomoda-

**General characteristics**  
**Primary function:** Infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces  
**Contractor:** Lockheed  
**Power plant:** Four Allison T56-A-15 turboprop engines  
**Thrust:** 4,910 shaft horsepower each engine  
**Wingspan:** 132 feet, 7 inches (40.4 meters)  
**Length:** 99 feet, 9 inches (30.4 meters)  
**Height:** 38 feet, 6 inches (11.7 meters)  
**Speed:** 300 mph  
**Load:** 77 troops, 52 paratroopers or 57 litter patients  
**Ceiling:** 33,000 feet (10,000 meters)  
**Maximum takeoff weight:** 155,000 pounds (69,750 kilograms)  
**Range:** 2,700 nautical miles (4,344 kilometers); in-flight refueling extends this to unlimited range  
**Crew:** Two pilots, a navigator and electronic warfare officer (officers); flight engineer and two loadmasters (enlisted)  
**Date deployed:** June 1991  
**Unit cost:** \$160 million  
**Inventory:** 13  
*(Current as of March 2021)*

chi in Japan, Unified Response in Haiti, and Sahayogi Haat in Nepal.  
The MC-130H is being replaced by the MC-130J Commando II. The MC-130H retirement is scheduled to be complete by fiscal year 2024.

**U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Joseph Pick**  
An MC-130H Combat Talon II assigned to the 15th Special Operations Squadron takes off for a training mission at Hurlburt Field, Fla., July 7, 2017. Aircrew with the 15th SOS train to be able to operate the MC-130H in missions like providing infiltration and exfiltration of special operations forces, and can perform equipment resupply missions to hostile or denied territory anytime, anyplace.



An MC-130H Combat Talon II assigned to the 15th Special Operations Squadron is parked on the flightline after a morning rainstorm at Hurlburt Field, Florida, Aug. 21, 2018. The Combat Talon II is used for infiltration, exfiltration and resupply in contested or denied areas, and is capable of flying at altitudes as low as a few hundred feet above ground level through inclement and low-visibility weather conditions.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jacob B. Wrightsman  
Air Force Global Strike Command bombers perform the Super Bowl LV flyover at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., Feb. 7, 2021. The trifecta was the first of its kind as it included a B-1B Lancer from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., a B-2 Spirit from Whiteman AFB, Mo., and a B-52H Stratofortress from Minot AFB, N.D.

## Air Force Heritage Flight flyover scheduled to support Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. — Five aircraft representing the Air Force's 75 years as a service will conduct a first-of-its-kind flyover during the national anthem performance at Super Bowl LVI, Feb. 13, over SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California. The Air Force Heritage Flight represents the service's ability to innovate, accelerate and thrive since its evolution from the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1947.

The Heritage Flight flyover will feature:  
• P-51 Mustang from the Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation, Chino, California  
• A-10 Thunderbolt from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona  
• F-16 Fighting Falcon from Shaw AFB, South Carolina  
• F-22 Raptor from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia  
• F-35 Lightning from Hill AFB, Utah  
There will be a live pre-game stream from the formation

while they get into position in the sky and will include special interviews and segments. Viewers can tune in to the Air Force Facebook page at 6 p.m. ET for the broadcast. The U.S. Air Force performs close to 1,000 flyovers a year, which serve as a way to showcase the capabilities of its aircraft while also inspiring patriotism and future generations of aviation enthusiasts. These flyovers are done at no additional cost to the taxpayer and serve as time-over-target training for Air Force pilots, aircrew and ground control teams.





T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon

# SUPT Class 22-05 earns silver wings



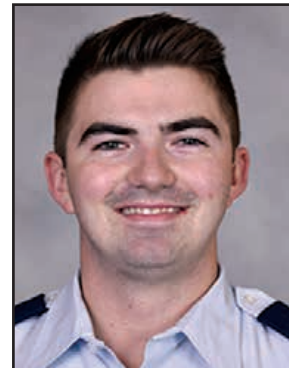
**Capt. Mark Allen**  
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**Capt. Ryan Boodee**  
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**Capt. Daniel Katuziensi**  
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F-16



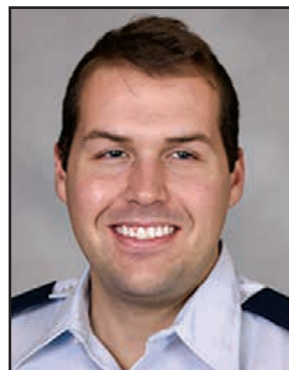
**1st Lt. James Adams**  
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**1st Lt. Coleman Campbell**  
Lyman, South Carolina  
KC-46



**1st Lt. John Cronin**  
Springfield, Virginia  
C-5M



**1st Lt. Nicholas Davis**  
Tampa, Florida  
E-3



**1st Lt. Luke Easton**  
Houston, Texas  
C-146A



**1st Lt. Michael Farnham**  
Lexington, South Carolina  
KC-135



The distinguished graduates of Class 22-05 recognized were Katuziensi, Easton and Wayland for outstanding performance in academics, officer qualities and flying abilities.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight. The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the single-engine,

Thirty officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to become Air Force pilots.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 22-05 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the Kaye Auditorium.

Students will receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks will be recognized.

Capt. Daniel Katuziensi, 1st Lt. Luke Easton and 2nd Lt. Austin Wayland received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Capt. Ryan Boodee and 1st Lt. Michael Frey who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association; promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

turboprop T-6A Texan II at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes approximately 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 hours in the T-6A aircraft.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

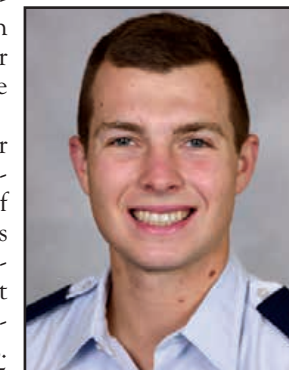
Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38C Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes approximately 26 weeks and includes 381 hours

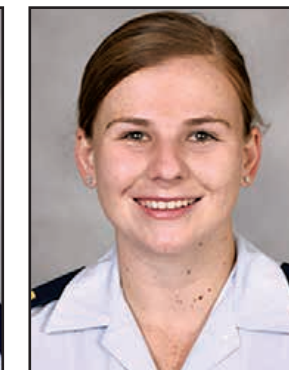
of ground training, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 hours in the T-38C aircraft.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place Beech Jet 400 business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

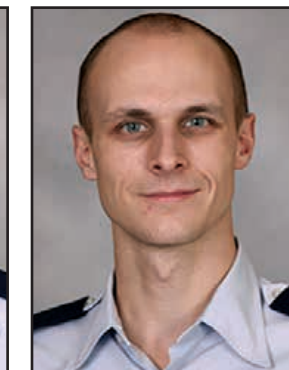
Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 53.6 hours in the flight simulator and 76.4 hours in the T-1A.



**1st Lt. Michael Frey**  
Lebanon, Pennsylvania  
T-1A



**1st Lt. Christina Kidd**  
Palm Bay, Florida  
T-6A



**1st Lt. Ian Kline**  
Denton, Texas  
KC-135



**1st Lt. James Kochanski**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
KC-135



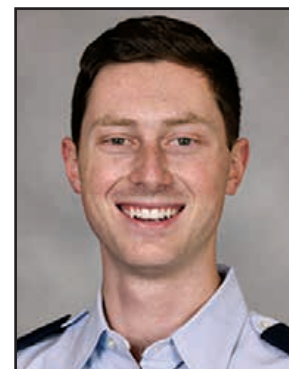
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Riverside, California  
C-130J



**1st Lt. Koya Nakata**  
Saga, Japan  
F-15J



**1st Lt. Deshawne Peak**  
Millbrook, Alabama  
U-28A



**1st Lt. Christian Perricone**  
Wading River, New York  
KC-135



**1st Lt. Liam Plybon**  
Navarre, Florida  
C-17



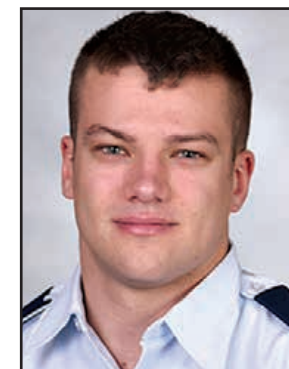
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**1st Lt. Michael Todd**  
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KC-135



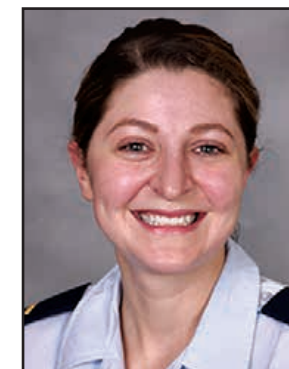
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Arlington, Virginia  
T-38A



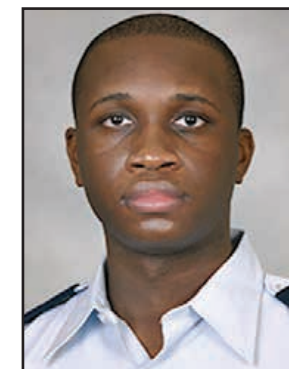
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Calais, Maine  
KC-135



**2nd Lt. Shawn Gallagher**  
Seward, Nebraska  
KC-135



**2nd Lt. Katie Mullins**  
Burlington, Vermont  
C-17



**2nd Lt. Kayan Slater**  
Brooklyn, New York  
KC-135



**2nd Lt. Austin Wayland**  
Three Way, Texas  
C-130H